

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Provided is a method for treating and/or preventing pain, in which a vector system is administered such that an EOI is delivered to a DRG of the subject. Also provided is a method for delivering an EOI to the spinal cord using such a vector system. Further provided is a method for identifying and/or validating an EOI by delivering a test EOI to target cell; analyzing the effect of the EOI on the target cell; and selecting an EOI with therapeutic potential. An EOI identified or validated by such a method, useful in the prevention and/or treatment of pain, is thereby provided as well.